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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. GEORGE KRIMSKY OF AP, ONE OF THE TRIO ACCUSED BY LITGAZ OF SPYING, BECAME QUITE AGITATED WHEN HE WAS PREVENTED FROM VISITING THE DACHA OF SAKHAROV'S DAUGHTER ON JULY 28. AP BUREAU CHIEF DAVID MASON HAS WRITTEN TO THE EMBASSY AND MFA/PRESS PROTESTING THE INCIDENT AS "HARRASSMENT" SINCE "MANY FOREIGNERS GO TO THE AREA REGULARLY WITHOUT ANY DIFFICULTY." (DACHA IS OFF ROAD TO DIPLOMATIC BEACH AT USPENSKOYE. OUR MAPS SHOW AREA AS CLOSED, ALTHOUGH TRANSIT TO BEACH IS ROUTINELY ALLOWED.) SINCE THE AREA IS IN FACT CLOSED, WE SEE LITTLE RECOURSE EXCEPT TO ADVISE KRIMSKY TO EXERCISE MORE CAUTION AND ALERT YOU TO A POSSIBLE STORY.

2. RE PARA 4, STATE 192416, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO JOHN DANYLYK RETURNING ON THE CONDITION THAT AS STATED IN YOUR TELEGRAM OER WILL PAY HIS RETURN TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENSES.

3. FOLLOWING ARE PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR PRESS BRIEFING ON REPRESENTATION LIST:

A. REP LIST 18:

112 FAMILIES WITH 315 INDIVIDUALS. HALF OF THESE RESIDE

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IN THE UKRAINE.

B. REP LIST 17:

ORIGINAL LIST: 249 FAMILIES WITH 641 INDIVIDUALS.

REVISION OF LIST: REP LIST BASE SHOULD HAVE BEEN 109

FAMILIES WITH 281 INDIVIDUALS.

THIS REVISION WAS THE RESULT OF A YEAR-LONG EFFORT BY THE
DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT U.S. SPONSORS OF EACH REP LIST FAMILY
TO INSURE THAT ALL WERE CURRENTLY MAKING EFFORTS TO
EMIGRATE TO THE U.S.

DELETIONS: 140 FAMILIES WITH 360 INDIVIDUALS HAD EITHER:

A. RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION FOR THIRD COUNTRIES;

B. WERE APPLYING TO VISIT, NOT TO EMIGRATE;

C. WERE NO LONGER ACTIVE IN MAKING APPLICATION
FOR EMIGRATION AND NO LONGER INTENDED TO
APPLY.

RESOLUTIONS: 35 FAMILIES WITH 95 INDIVIDUALS HAVE
RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES.

THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN LESS THAN 15 PERCENT OF THE
LIST AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED, BUT ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE
REVISED LIST.

REP LIST 16 RESOLUTION RATE ONE YEAR AFTER PRESENTATION
APRIL 1, 1974 WAS 35 PERCENT.

C. SOVIET EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES:

SINCE AUGUST 1, 1974, THE EMBASSY HAS PROCESSED 1,800
PERSONS FOR EMIGRATION.

IN THE PRECEEDING ONE-YEAR PERIOD, ONLY 856 PERSONS WERE
PROCESSED.

THE BULK OF THE INCREASE COMES FROM ARMENIAN FAMILIES
WHO ORIGINALLY RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION TO
THIRD COUNTRIES, SUCH AS LEBANON, WHICH WERE UNABLE TO
RECEIVE THEM. THESE INDIVIDUALS ALSO HAVE RELATIVES IN THE
UNITED STATES AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES WERE WILLING TO CHANGE
THEIR EXIT VISAS SO THAT THEY COULD EMIGRATE TO THE U.S.
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